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## Advent resources, reflections and videos plus latest vacancies.

### Diocesan Vision - the Season of Advent

As the Synod asks us to take a greater part in the life of the Church, these seasonal videos remind us of things that are basic but important or teach us things we didn't know and so enhance the faith of ordinary people.

The Liturgy and Worship Group's first video is on the season of Advent and its importance in our Christian lives. A video for Christmas will follow.

[Season of Advent video](#)

### Still time to register for Living More Simply this Advent and Christmas.

Join us online on Tuesday 14 December, 7pm to 8.30pm, via Zoom.

We will look at how we can take our first simple steps to reducing our impact on the planet starting this Advent and Christmas, and how we can increase our care for God's precious creation.

[Living more Simply](#)

### New Women in Scripture Podcast- Sarah

Fleur Dorrell, Catholic Scripture Engagement Manager from Bible Society and the Catholic Bishops' Conference speaks to Natalie about a lesser known biblical woman- Sarah from the book of Tobit.

Listen now for free via [Soundcloud](#), [Spotify](#) or [iTunes](#)

## Women in Scripture Podcast

### **Vacancies: Social Welfare Advisor, Prison Chaplains, University Council Members**

New vacancies are available on the Diocesan jobs page.

We are seeking to recruit a part-time Social Welfare Advisor who will provide information, advice and practical assistance on social welfare issues to our Clergy or to those retiring/retired.

Newman University is looking for new members of its University Council (governors, trustees and company members).

HM Prison & Probation Service is seeking two Roman Catholic Chaplains.

Find out more on our jobs page.

[Jobs Page](#)

### **Do you desire to find Jesus this Advent?**

Join the Carmelite Friars for a Vigil Lecture, on Monday 13 December, the eve of the feast of St John of the Cross, a Doctor of the Church and a trusted spiritual guide.

This is a great opportunity to avail of the wisdom of St John of the Cross in our preparation to receive the promised blessings of Our Saviour who comes to us at Christmas.

Fr Matt Blake, a Carmelite priest and renowned speaker, will guide the reflection on how John's experience of the Mystery of the Incarnation deepened his union with God and how we can share in that experience for our own spiritual growth and nourishment.

[Carmelite Friars Vigil Lecture](#)

### **Advent Synodal Pathway Reflections**

There's still time to sign up to our daily Advent emails which we hope will help you to understand, to pray into, and reflect on the Synod that Pope Francis has called us to participate in.

Each daily email from 12-26 December will be made up of a short excerpt on the Synod, followed by questions and prayers to encourage you to listen to the Holy

Spirit's voice in your life and in the life of the Church.

Each reflection should take no more than 5 minutes, but we suggest that you have a pen and paper handy to make notes on your thoughts and prayers for each day.

[Sign up now](#)

## Diocesan handbook on the Synod

A guide to help kickstart conversations in parishes and communities is now available to download from our website.

The 'Walking Together' handbook is a step-by-step guide of what to do as parish meetings start to take place.

You can also watch back recent information talks held online.

[Synod handbook](#)

## Resources for Advent and Christmas

As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect.

Please make use of Advent resources, reflections, videos and prayers now available on our website.

[Advent resources](#)

## Midnight Mass at St Chad's Cathedral to be broadcast on BBC One

The first Mass of Christmas to be televised on the BBC this year will be broadcast from St Chad's Cathedral, our Diocesan Mother Church.

Midnight Mass will be shown on BBC One.

The BBC has recently announced its Christmas Religious Programming across television and radio.

[Midnight Mass at St Chad's](#)

## Dates for your diary: the month ahead

**Sat 11 Dec:** [Alpha online - Come and See sessions](#)

**Mon 13 Dec:** [Divine Renovation webinar - I See in You](#)

**Mon 13 Dec:** [Carmelite Friars Vigil Lecture](#)

**Tues 14 Dec:** [Living More Simply this Advent and Christmas](#)

**Fri 24 Dec:** [Midnight Mass broadcast on BBC from St Chad's Cathedral](#)

[Visit our Events page](#)

## Supporting your parish

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic.

Parishes still greatly need your support.

We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

## Support your Parish

### Live Masses online

Live streaming of Masses continues at St Chad's Cathedral.

If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

## Online Masses at St Chad's

### Please follow us online

If you are on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram please follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham online.

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